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Re: Freedom of Information Request Number EPA-HQ-2014-007199

Dear Ms. Song:

This letter is in response to your request dated June 6, 2014, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). You are requesting access to and copies of all public comments regarding candidates Bernard D. Goldstein, Roberta L. Grant, Lisa M. McKenzie, Jean-Philippe Nicot and Geoffrey Thyne considered in 2012 for the EPA Science Advisory Board Hydraulic Fracturing Advisory Panel.

The Science Advisory Board Staff Office (SABSO) has identified 73 records responsive to your request. Of these documents, 4 were withheld in accordance with Exemption 5 under 5 U.S.C. §522 (b)(5), which allows an agency to withhold from disclosure inter-agency memoranda, e-mails, or letters of the deliberative process and none were withheld under Exemption 6 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. §552 (b)(6) which contain information (e-mail addresses and phone numbers and home addresses) that would represent and unwarranted invasion of privacy. Please find enclosed the requested information.

If you believe that the delivery of this FOIA is a denial of your request, you may appeal in writing to the National Freedom of Information Officer at:

Records, FOIA, and Privacy Branch U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T) Washington, D.C. 20460 Email: hq.foia@epa.gov

Please note that correspondence mailed only through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to the address above. If you want to deliver your appeal in person, via courier service, or via overnight delivery service, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 64161, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Your appeal must be submitted no later than 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. The appeal letter should include the request number listed above. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 30 calendar-day limit. For the quickest possible handling, the appeal letter and its envelope should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,
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Thomas H. Brennan

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Enclosures